

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 58-60, amend claims 41, 45-51 and 56 and add new claims 61-63 as follows:

1-40. (Cancelled)

41. (Currently Amended) A composite article having an upper member of plastics material and a lower member of plastics material that together form an outer shell, and an inner core of filler within said shell, said upper member being spaced from said lower member to define a gap therebetween, said gap being constructed and arranged to separate said upper member from said lower member, to receive said core, and to provide strength and rigidity to said article.

42. (Previously Presented) A composite article according to claim 41 wherein said filler is a composite resin-stone mix.

43. (Previously Presented) A composite article according to claim 42 wherein said resin-stone mix comprises a mixture of limestone, calcium carbonate, dicyclopentadiene (DCPD) resin and a catalyst.

44. (Previously Presented) A composite article according to claim 41 wherein said upper member has an outer layer of hardwearing, scratch resistant material.

45. (Currently Amended) A composite article according to claim 44 wherein said upper member has a layer of ~~softer~~ material underneath said outer layer for absorbing impacts occurring during use of the article.

46. (Currently Amended) A composite article according to claim 45 wherein said upper member is an acrylic capped ~~ABS~~acrylonitrile butadiene styrene material.

47. (Currently Amended) A composite article according to claim 46 wherein ~~the~~a ratio of ~~the~~ thickness of the ~~ABS~~acrylonitrile butadiene styrene layer to the acrylic layer is 9:1.

48. (Currently Amended) A composite article according to claim 41 wherein said lower member is made of ~~ABS~~acrylonitrile butadiene styrene.

49. (Currently Amended) A composite article according to claim 41 wherein ~~said lower member has a shape that conforms to desired variations in thickness of~~ said inner core has a variable thickness.

50. (Currently Amended) A composite article according to claim 41 wherein sockets are provided in the an underside of said lower member for receiving legs for raising the article above a surface on which it is installed.

51. (Currently Amended) A composite article according to claim 50 wherein the legs are ~~an interference~~ push-fit into the sockets.

52. (Previously Presented) A composite article according to claim 41 wherein said upper and lower members are provided with means to aid locating said members relative to one another during moulding of said core.

53. (Previously Presented) A composite article according to claim 52 wherein said locating means comprise co-operating formations on said upper and lower members.

54. (Previously Presented) A composite article according to claim 53 wherein said co-operating formations are configured to provide a hole in a base wall of the article.

55. (Previously Presented) A composite article according to claim 41 wherein said lower member is provided with means to release air trapped between said members during moulding of said core.

56. (Currently Amended) A composite article according to claim 41 wherein said lower member is provided with means to assist distribution of said filler material between said members during moulding of said core.

57. (Previously Presented) A composite article according to claim 56 wherein said lower member is provided with an array of interlinked recessed regions that allow said filler material to flow freely between said members.

58. (Canceled)

59. (Canceled)

60. (Canceled)

61. (New) A composite article according to claim 41 wherein said article comprises a shower tray.

62. (New) A shower tray comprising a floor and inner walls upstanding from the floor to define a well, the floor comprising an upper member of plastics material, a lower member of plastics material, and a solid core of filler separating said upper and lower members whereby the core provides strength and rigidity to the floor of the shower tray.

63. (New) A shower tray comprising an upper member of plastics material providing an outer surface of the tray and configured to define a central well, an upper wall surrounding the well and a side wall depending from the upper wall, a lower member of plastics material on an underside of the tray, and a composite resin-stone filler separating said upper and lower members and providing strength and rigidity to the tray on an underside of the upper member.